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### PORTUGAL EXPELS 423 REFUGEES TO FRANCE; ENFORCED JEWISH COMMUNITY SET UP IN PARIS

VICHY, March 25. (JTA) - Four hundred and twenty-three Jewish refugees from Luxembourg, expelled from Portugal, have arrived in Marseille. It was learned here today. This is the first expulsion of Jews from Portugal.

The transmigrants, who did not possess the necessary documents for continuing their journey overseas, were sent from Portugal to Hendaye, occupied France, from where they were expelled into the free zone. Fifty-one of the refugees are leaving shortly for the Dominican Republic and the others are completing preparations for emigration overseas.

Meanwhile, it was reliably reported here that a compulsory Jewish community has been established by the Germans in Paris. All Jews are obligatory members of the community and must pay a tax amounting to ten per cent of the State income tax.

The first president of the community, State Councillor Frank, was arrested after a few days in office and held for 15 days on a charge of using "inappropriate terms" in a letter to the German commander.

Incidents have occurred in the Vernet alien internment camp, where internees have complained of the insufficient weight of the bread rationed to them. A number of internees were arrested by the camp authorities, who claimed the protests were unjustified.

The director of the unified ORT-OZE committee, Dr. Jacob Frumkin, has left for Lisbon, where an ORT-OZE committee will be established. A banquet was given for him in Marseille before his departure, with Dr. Aaron Syngalowski presiding.

### Heine's Grave Demolished

ZURICH, March 25. (JTA) -- The Paris grave of Heinrich Heine, famous German Jewish poet, has been desecrated and demolished, with no trace of the grave left, the German radio reported today.

### NAZIS CURB COMMUNICATIONS WITH CRACOW GHETTO

LONDON, March 25. (JTA) -- Restrictions on communication with the ghetto, similar to those in effect in Warsaw, have been introduced in Cracow, Polish official circles here reported today.

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Entrance to the Cracow ghetto is restricted to holders of special passes, which are granted only in exceptional cases. Persons who communicate illegally with ghetto residents are subject to a fine of 1,000 zlotys and three months' imprisonment. Jews of foreign nationality are forbidden to enter the ghetto.

### Nazi Terrorists as Guards in Lublin

BUDAPEST, March 25. (JTA) -- Guards for the Lublin Jewish reservation in Poland have been recruited among Vienna Nazis who had been imprisoned for terrorism during the Schuschnigg regime, the newspaper Pesti Ujsag reports. Globotschnigg, former Nazi district leader of Vienna, is now in charge of the reservation, it was said.

### SLOVAKIA LIQUIDATES 4,100 JEWISH FIRMS IN MONTH-AND-HALF

ZURICH, March 25. (JTA) -- The Slovak Economic Office, between Feb. 1 and March 15, liquidated 4,100 Jewish enterprises with a total annual turnover of 200,000,000 crowns. It was reported from Bratislava today. The office has appointed 1,022 trustees for Jewish enterprises.

Work permits have been withdrawn from more than 3,000 Jewish employees, and the Economic Office is reported to be planning to introduce labor service and labor camps for Jews between the ages of 15 and 60, under military discipline. They would be used for flood regulation, water works and other projects where Slovak workers were insufficient.

### PALESTINE SEEKS INCREASE IN FOOD PRODUCTION

JERUSALEM, March 25. (JTA) -- High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael met informally today at Government House with a number of Arab notables from all over the country to discuss ways and means of increasing food production in Arab areas.

Brigadier-General B.S. Pen, of the British Supply Ministry's mission to New Delhi, is coming here by air at the Palestine Government's request to investigate the country's actual and potential capacity to produce war supplies other than arms and ammunition.

Meanwhile, the Government permitted the Aviron company to resume weekend flights between Lydda and Samakh.

### 3 NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BACK BUDGETING PLAN

NEW YORK, March 25. (JTA) -- Three national Jewish organizations which appeal to local welfare funds for support have announced their approval of the proposal for the establishment of a national advisory budget service now being considered by the member agencies of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in a referendum on the subject which is to close on April 1. The organizations are the Joint Distribution Committee, the American Ort Federation and the National Refugee Service.

A resolution adopted unanimously by the JDC executive follows:

"The Executive Committee of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has considered the national budgetary advisory proposals of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, as presented at the General Assembly of that organization in Atlanta on February 1, 2 and 3, 1941.

"The Joint Distribution Committee favors cordially the principle involved in the budgeting. It conceives that the proposal contemplates the establishment of an adequate

fact-finding service based on examination of complete data from agencies applying to Welfare Funds and other campaigns throughout the country. It understands that the proposal of the Council envisages an evaluation of the needs of organizations seeking funds in this country, and competent advisory recommendations with respect to the programs and needs of such agencies to be made available to such Welfare Funds and other communities as may desire to utilize such information and such appraisal."

The executive committee of the American Ort Federation said: "On the assumption that the national advisory budget service committee will be a thoroughly impartial fact-finding committee, the American Ort Federation is in favor of the proposal that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds should set up such an evaluating body."

The National Refugee Service went on record welcoming any procedure which would present to the local welfare funds complete data on the beneficiary agencies and an evaluation of such data. It expressed the hope that welfare funds throughout the country would confirm the action of the Council's Board.

#### ORDER ON ORTHODOX INTERNEES IN CANADA EXPLAINED

MONTREAL, March 25. (JTA) -- A statement explaining the situation which arose recently regarding orthodox Jewish internees was issued today by Saul Hayes, executive director of the United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies. He added that "all is now well and has been for some time." His statement said:

"The situation about the purported infamous order is best explained by the statement that a group of orthodox internees in November, 1940, quite properly refused to work on Saturdays. The Internment Operations Department was quite content with their attitude and had things been left at this pass no trouble would have developed. However, the work that is normally done on Saturdays entails payment at 20 cents per day and is done outside the camp compound in a forestry project under guard. When the orthodox Jews observed their scruples it meant that they would not participate in paid work on Saturday. As compensation they asked for Sunday work. It was not as easy as that since the guards get Sundays off for church attendance and visits home. Without guards accompanying the working party outside the compound, work cannot be provided. Under the circumstances there were no guards available for Sunday work and the result is that the orthodox Jewish internees, because of their desire to observe the Sabbath, could not obtain work (for pay) on Sunday. They were asked to do the regular fatigue duties in the camp compound (on Sunday) for which there is neither by custom nor by international convention any provision for payment. Non-orthodox Jews also do fatigue duty.

"The orthodox Jews construed the impossibility of the camp authorities providing paid work on Sunday as a punishment for their Sabbath observance, which was an unfortunate and unnecessary interpretation for them to draw. At no time did they have to work on Saturdays but if they desired to keep the Sabbath, the camp routine, the necessary Sunday rest day for the guards, etc., made a Sunday work day impossible.

"The trouble commenced at this point with a minority section of the orthodox group. It should be stated that the orthodox group as a whole were not anxious to create a difficult situation and one involving a lack of compromise, but a certain section were unyielding and unbending and refused to take into account any of the unforeseen difficulties arising out of the internment of refugees."

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SEEK LENIENCY FOR 780 RUMANIAN REFUGEES IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, March 25. (JTA) -- Palestine Jewish organizations today appealed to the Government for leniency in behalf of a group of 780 Jews who arrived on Palestine's shores without immigration permits, refugees from anti-Semitic persecution in Rumania.

The Government administrative secretary, Hartwell, received a delegation of the Jewish National Council (Vaad Leumi), headed by its chairman, Isaac Ben-Zvi, and a deputation of the Rumanian Settlers' Association, headed by Meir Eshner, and promised to transmit their pleas to High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael.

DR. WEIZMANN SPEAKS TONIGHT

NEW YORK, March 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who arrived here by Clipper last Saturday, will make his first public declaration on the effects of the war upon Jewish life in Europe and on the future of the Jewish National Home in Palestine at a reception tomorrow night at the Hotel Astor under the auspices of the United Palestine Appeal. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Chairman of the UPA Administrative Committee, will preside.

A luncheon for Mrs. Vera Weizmann was held today by the Pioneer Women's Organization for Palestine at the Hotel Capitol. Mrs. Weizmann addressed a luncheon of the Brooklyn Madassah yesterday at the Waldorf-Astoria.

PALESTINE BEGINS TIRE PRODUCTION

JERUSALEM, March 25. (JTA) -- Continuing its contribution to the British war effort, Palestine has started production of tires, particularly for military vehicles. The raw material is to be imported from Australia.

SWITZERLAND SUBSIDIZES EMIGRATION OF REFUGEES

LISBON, March 25. (JTA) -- In an effort to encourage the departure of as many as possible refugees from Switzerland, the Swiss authorities have decided to contribute 400 Swiss Francs (about \$100) towards the cost of transportation for each refugee who will leave the country for Lisbon through occupied France and Spain, it was reported here today by the European headquarters of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association.

The Association also reported that 122 Jewish refugees in Switzerland have been selected for settlement in Dominican Republic.

At the same time it is reported here that the Swiss Government had decided that the wealthier refugees in Switzerland must contribute towards the cost of maintaining refugees stranded in the country without means. It is estimated that there are more than 10,000 refugees in Switzerland, most of them Jews.

Reports reaching the HIAS-ICA office here from Yugoslavia and Hungary state that overseas emigration from these countries is almost impossible because of the inability of obtaining transit visas through Germany and Italy.